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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ATTITUDE TOWARD LITANI RIVER IRRIGATION

REF: BEIRUT 9009

1. WE CAN CONCEIVE OF NO REASON WHY ISRAELIS WOULD OBJECT IF GOL SHOULD FINALLY PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF LONGSTANDING LITANI RIVER IRRIGATION SCHEME. OCCURS TO US THAT FONMIN BOUTROS MAY BE CONFUSING THE LITANI PROEJCT WITH PAST ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO LEBANON'S UNILATERAL DEVELOPMENT OF HASBANI RIVER WATERS ARISING IN SOUTHEAST LEBANON. TO BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTION, ISRAELIS HAVE NEVER ASSOCIATED LITANI PROJECT WITH THEIR POSITION RE LEBANON'S USE OF HASBANI WATERS. WE THINK IT BEST THAT YOU NOT VOLUNTEER SUCH INFORMATION TO BOUTROS. HOWEVER, IF FONMIN AGAIN RAISES THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT WE CANNOT SPEAK
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FOR THE ISRAELIS, BUT THAT OUR RECORDS DO NOT RPT NOT SHOW THEM AS HAVING INDICATED ANY LEGAL OR WATER RIGHTS PROBLEMS WITH THE LITANI PROJECT IN THE PAST.
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